

**Memorandum of the Meeting  
Regular Study Session  
Twenty-Sixth Town Council of Highland  
Monday, May 5, 2008**

The regular study session of the Twenty-Sixth Town Council of the Town of Highland was convened at the regular place, the Highland Municipal, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in the plenary meeting room on Monday, May 05, 2008 at the standing time of 7:04 o'clock p.m.

**Roll Call:** Mark A. Herak, Dan Vassar, Konnie Kuiper, and Bernie Zemen were present. Councilor Brian Novak was absent owing to a work commitment. The Clerk-Treasurer Michael W. Griffin was absent owing to health. This memorandum was prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer from notes taken by the Redevelopment Director. A quorum was attained.

**Also present:**

Adam Gawlikowski of the Redevelopment Commission and Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director were also present.

**General Substance of Matters Discussed**

1. The Town Council discussed the possible cancellation of the May 26 standing meeting owing to the conflict with the Memorial Day Holiday.
2. The Town Council discussed the agenda and speakers for the Memorial Day event. It was noted that the Town Council President would serve as master of ceremonies. It was further noted that names and members of various Veteran organizations who have passed during the year would be read aloud. Speakers were still being sought.
3. The Town Council, Commissioner Gawlikowski and the Redevelopment Director discussed the impressions of the Town Council regarding pending redevelopment initiatives for the north Kennedy Avenue corridor, particularly involving the redevelopment of the area now occupied by the Public Works Facility.

The discussion further included consideration of whether or not one of the three following statements represented the sense of the Town Council on the matter of the redevelopment of the North Kennedy Avenue Corridor:

- A. That the Town Council will make a commitment to move the Public Works building.
- B. That the Town Council will make a commitment to think about moving the Public Works building, or
- C. That the Town Council is inclined to leave the building as is.

The discussion further included an outline of the Redevelopment Commission's due diligence efforts to date. The discussion included an exploration of the nature of the Town Council's support and a request to clarify the position of the Town Council on the initiatives discussed.

It was noted that Commissioner Gawlikowski reported that the Redevelopment Commission believes that the North end of Kennedy Avenue corridor is important for the redevelopment of Highland.

A colloquy ensued between and among the Town Councilors and those present. Councilor Vassar represented his belief that the north end of Kennedy is critical for Highland. He further represented his impression that residents encountered during his campaigning suggested to him that something needed to be accomplished at that location.

Councilman Kuiper expressed similar sentiments. President Zemen represented his desire that the Redevelopment Commission continue with its initiatives as described.

The Town Council President further inquired about the progress on the possible acquisition of the former City Sales location (2552 Industrial Drive). The Redevelopment Director reported that the Public Works Director would be surveying the property to determine whether or not it may be suitable as a successor site for the public works facility and physical plant.

During the discussion it was requested that the Public Works Director report his impressions to the Town Council. It was further requested that the Redevelopment Director contact the Public Works Director of Griffith, Indiana, to find out how much area they have for their public works area and report that information back to the Council.

Councilor Herak expressed a concern that after relocating Public Works the former site may remain vacant and undeveloped. and end up with vacant land. Commissioner Gawlikowski represented that his belief that potential developers are looking for a commitment from the Town Council before they will seriously consider Highland.

Extending the discussion still further, Commissioner Gawlikowski sought to clarify the position of the Town Council regarding the Redevelopment Commission's initiative related to the relocation of the Public Works Facility and the redevelopment efforts associated with this measure. The discussion included consideration of the so-called risks of the efforts. It was ascertained that the sense of the Town Council is to direct and affirm the Commission's efforts, and to direct it to move forward with relocation of the Public Works facility.

The Redevelopment Commissioner and the Redevelopment Director departed at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

There were no further discussions or any further matters before the Town Council. The regular study session of the Twenty-Sixth Town Council of Highland of **Monday, May 05, 2008** was adjourned at 8:05 o'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/CMC/CPFA  
Clerk-Treasurer